

# The Meadows Mag

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<b>Office Hours</b> Monday to Friday 8:20am - 3pm	<b>Canteen</b> Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:20am – 1:30pm
<b>Before &amp; After School Care</b>  Enrolments can be done online: <a href="http://www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/">www.squiggler.com.au/enrol-now/</a> or for more information contact head office on 1300 778 444	<b>Uniform Shop</b> Uniforms are sold in the canteen Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:20am - 9am  Payment by cash & cheque at school OR prepay online using MasterCard or Visa 

## Calendar

### Important Dates in Term 2, 2021

#### Week 3

Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	SISA – K-2
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day High Tea

#### Week 4

Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C Meeting 9am
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SISA – 3-6
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Winter PSSA

#### Week 5

Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May	SISA – K-2
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	K-6 Assembly
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Winter PSSA

#### Week 6

Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	SISA – 3-6
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	BFOPA Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Beyond Blue Mufti Day
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Winter PSSA

## Principal's Message

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our first edition of The Meadows Mag for Term 2. I especially extend a very warm welcome to any new families who are reading either a hard copy or an online version of our school newsletter for the first time. We have had several new families join us towards the end of Term 1 and also in the first weeks of this term. Currently, we have 282 students attending The Meadows Public School.

From this term onwards, we will be publishing **3 newsletters per term**. This edition will be followed by newsletters in Week 6 (Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May) and Week 10 (Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June).

### Relieving Principals

After teaching for 31 years, I have had the opportunity to enjoy some Long Service Leave this term. In my absence, the school has been and will be led very capably by two of my Assistant Principals. I wish to acknowledge and thank Mrs Jennifer Hassmann for her leadership in Week 1 and Mr Thomas Haynes for his leadership in Week 3.

### ANZAC Ceremony

Thank you to Miss Simmons and Mr Lambeth for their organisation of our 2021 ANZAC Day Ceremony on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

In glorious sunshine, our students were most respectful for this important occasion with special mention to our Kindergarten classes for their exemplary behaviour at their first ANZAC assembly.



I would also like to extend the school's thanks and appreciation to Mr Rees John, service veteran and President of the Cumberland Branch of the NSW Justices Association who addressed the assembly on the day.

### School Photos

We certainly had beautiful sunny weather for our school photos day held yesterday. In a very thoughtful gesture, MSP Photography have decided to extend the payment date. Any parent still wishing to order a school photography pack may now finalise their order and payment by next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.

MSP Photography will return in August to complete photos for the entire Year 6 Group and other teams and performance groups in the school.

### Check-in Assessments & NAPLAN

All students in Years 4 and 6 will be completing brief, online assessments in Reading and Numeracy across Monday to Wednesday next week. The Check-in Assessment was introduced in 2020 and will now supplement the more extensive NAPLAN assessment program.

Our 2021 NAPLAN tests, for students in Years 3 and 5 will be held between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Students are assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar/Punctuation) and Numeracy.

### Best Wishes Mrs O'Neil

We send our best wishes to Mrs Alyssa O'Neil who currently teaches History as well as Personal Development and Health to our K-2 students on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs O'Neil will be taking maternity leave at the mid-point of the term in preparation for the arrival of her second child, a bouncing baby brother for Xavier!

Mrs Taleah Thornton will replace Mrs O'Neil for the remainder of 2021.

### Mothers' Day High Tea



Another Covid-affected event returning in 2021 is our Mothers' Day High Tea. This wonderful occasion will be held on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2.00-2.50pm**. All mums and significant female carers, with a limit of 1 adult per family, wishing to attend need to return RSVPs from the note issued last week by next Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. We are looking forward to a beautiful afternoon, celebrating and recognising the wonderful job that our mothers do!

### Mothers' Day Stall

After missing out due to COVID-19 last year, our P&C Mothers' Day Stall is back in 2021! The stall will be held next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May with each class having an opportunity to buy something special for Mum from 11:30am. Gifts are priced from \$1 to \$6.

### Beyond Blue Mufti Day

Keep your eye out for a note from our P&C regarding this semester's charity fundraiser. The P&C has elected to support Beyond Blue, a key Australian mental health and wellbeing organisation. This event will take place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May with students asked to bring in a gold coin donation, wear something blue and purchase a blue slushie! More information to follow.

### P&C Meeting

Our Parents & Citizens (P&C) team meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting for 2021 will be on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00am**. Our P&C has generally increased in membership in the past 4 years, but we are certainly in a period of re-building following last year's COVID interruption as well as having some long-term members leave The Meadows PS community.

We can always get bigger and better! The P&C is YOUR opportunity to help guide some of the decisions of the school. We normally meet for about an hour and there's always coffee, tea and some tasty treats too! Please come and join us for our next meeting.

### Uniform Shop

With Winter fast approaching, it's time to ensure your child has an adequate supply of Winter uniform items. Our Uniform Shop is linked to our school canteen and therefore is only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can purchase uniforms from 8:20am – 9am. The office will no longer be selling uniforms except for the case of new students who start school on a 'non-canteen' day. Thank you for your understanding of these arrangements.

### Students' Fun Page

We always want our students reading their newsletter as much as their parents. To encourage student readership, there's a fun activity at the back of this edition of The Meadows Mag! Check it out, there's some prizes to be won! Our previous Fun Page was a Holiday Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Aaditya of class 1/2C who won a \$50 Hoyts Gift Card for completing 100 minutes of reading and being the lucky student drawn out!

Look after each other,

*Scott Staveley*

Principal



# CONGRATULATIONS Award Winners!

## Week 1

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Chantelle Thanush
KP	Lazar Summer
KS	Aleah Diana
1/2C	Liyanne Maddison
1/2L	Akshita Akin
1/2O	Kash Dominic
1/2P	Levi LJ
2/3A	Shahaya Shamel
3/4R	Charlie Jaxson
4T	Peyton Gurveen
3-6P	Monica
5/6D	Ilija Halli
5/6H	Nathan Isabella
5/6S	Japhia Mann

## Week 2

Teacher's Awards (2 points)

KH	Charlotte Shivaansh
KP	Harvey Nyra
KS	Morgan Rayna
1/2C	Corbin Ranbir
1/2L	Damian Vaishnodevi
1/2O	Seth Kcee
1/2P	Sam Leon
2/3A	Jonte William
3/4R	Jerekai Darius
4T	Bruno Ackland
3-6P	Noah
5/6D	Shaza Rettalia
5/6H	Maleah Chloe
5/6S	Yashika Ria

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## Excursions & Activities in Progress

Excursion/ Activity	Date of excursion/ activity	Amount due	Payment due by
Sport in Schools	Every Monday	\$30	Please pay immediately
School Photos	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Final Orders	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Winter PSSA	Every Friday Terms 3 & 4	\$50	Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May
BFOPA Rehearsal Days	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 11 <sup>th</sup> August.	\$20	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Stage 1 Zoo Excursion	Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	\$25	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Stage 2 Zoo Overnight	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Payment	Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May
5/6 Camp Canberra	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> August	\$100 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June



## P&C Corner



Next week the P&C will be holding their annual

## Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May students will visit the P&C Mother's Day Stall in the Hall in class groups.

Students will be able to purchase a gift for their mother or carer or relative.

**Gifts range in price from \$1 - \$6**

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY!**



# Easter Hat Parade



## Community Noticeboard

The Meadows Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest. The Meadows Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

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New and Returning Registration: Friday, 16 April, 2021.

New Students can also join on any Friday during term.

New and Returning  
Students  
Ages 4-6  
Class Time 4:15 to 4:55 PM

New Students  
Ages 7-16  
and Returning Students  
Class Time 5:00 to 5:40 PM

Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

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# Students' Fun Page

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### Quiz

*Read Mr Staveley's report to get all of the answers. Get some help from Mum or Dad or a carer if you need some!*

***Complete the answers and hand in to Mr Staveley by next Friday morning for a chance of winning a \$50 Hoyts Movie Voucher!***

1. How many students are currently enrolled at The Meadows PS? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When will the very next Meadows Mag newsletter be published? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years has Mr Staveley been teaching for? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who will be Relieving Principal in Week 3? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which two grades do the Check-in Assessments? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which two grades do NAPLAN? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When is the Mothers' Day Stall? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the cost of the lowest-priced item at the Mothers' Day Stall? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is Mrs O'Neil's son's name? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which Mental Health organisation will the P&C be supporting in 2021? \_\_\_\_\_
11. When is the next P&C Meeting? Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which days is the Uniform Shop open? \_\_\_\_\_

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